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GIFT (Gaining Independence for Females in **Transition**)

Serving women on probation for prostitution offenses in Minneapolis



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What is GIFT?

project that helps with the needs and barriers of

GIFT is a GIFT—Gaining Independent for Females in Transition

women

who are on probation for prostitution offenses that occurred in Minneapolis.

GIFT was created using real life experiences of women involved in prostitution who have stopped their own involvement in prostitution help women identify their strengths and give them encouragement and support on their journey.

The GIFT Probation Officers assess each woman's needs and help them with:

- Chemical dependency
- Mental health
- Physical health
- Financial stability
- Parenting and family issues
- Housing
- Other identified challenges and barriers

GIFT Probation Rules

GIFT participants are expected to:

- Attend judicial review hearings with Judge Peterson to discuss progress
- Successfully complete group sessions at PRIDE (From PRostitution to Independence, Dignity & Equality) or a similar agency that helps women transition out of prostitution
- Abstain from use of drugs and alcohol and submit to random UA testing
- Follow recommendations for chemical health, mental health, or other referrals
- Have no new criminal charges
- Meet as requested with a probation officer

If all of these requirements are met before the end of the probation period, the participant may be moved to administrative probation.

GIFT Goal

Support women by ending their involvement in prostitution

Who Participates?

- Women arrested for a prostitution offense
- Charged by the City of Minneapolis
- Have pleaded guilty
- Have 3 or fewer prior prostitution convictions
- Are not on supervision for a felony case

GIFT Calendar

The GIFT calendar occurs the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in Courtroom 853

Note: The GIFT calendar is open to only women and authorized justice partners. Visitors must be approved by the Court.